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SUBJ: UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION IN NEW YORK, MARCH 15

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTER-NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS, MANOS MEGALOKONOMOS, MARCH 10 AND MADE THE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL, DRAWING ON THE POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 4. MEGALOKONOMOS RESPONDED THAT THE GREEK DELEGATION WAS APPROACHING THE NEW YORK SESSION WITH THE SAME SPIRIT AND RESOLUTION AS THE U.S. DELEGATION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT A GENERAL FEELING SEEMS TO EXIST THAT A FURTHER SESSION WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED THIS YEAR, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD TO TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA IN JUNE-JULY, IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE LOS.

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2. MEGALOKONOMOS DID NOT MENTION ANY OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES OF A CRITICAL NATURE BETWEEN THE GREEK AND U.S. SIDES WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON ANY PROBLEMS BETWEEN US. IN THIS REGARD HE NOTED THAT HE HAD FOUND THE BILATERAL U.S.-GREEK DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 26, FOLLOWING THE REINFORCED NAC, VERY USEFUL.

3. HOWEVER, MEGALOKONOMOS DID MENTION A GENERAL PROBLEM, THE MATTER OF "AIR NAVIGATION" OR OVERFLIGHTS. HE INDICATED THAT THERE MIGHT BE "DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE QUESTION OF AIRCRAFT ENJOYING THE RIGHT OF TRANSIT PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS IS TREATED IN THE LOS "SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT" AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS DEALING WITH OVERFLIGHTS. HE WONDERED IN THIS CONNECTION WHETHER SUCH DIFFERENCES AS THOSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OVERFLIGHT QUESTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE LOS CONFERENCE.

4. MEGALOKONOMOS COMMENTED THAT THE SECOND LOS SESSION LAST SPRING (GENEVA) HAD ACHIEVED A REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT IN FORMULATING A "SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT". WHILE HE REALIZES THAT MANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION STILL EXIST ON THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS ENCOMPASSED THEREIN, HE FEELS THAT IT WILL GREATLY FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE THIRD SESSION CONVENING IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK TO AT LEAST HAVE EVERYONE WORKING FROM THE SAME BASIC DOCUMENT.

5. MEGALOKONOMOS SAID THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STAVROPOULOS WILL OFFICIALLY HEAD THE GREEK DELEGATION TO THE NEW YORK LOS SESSION. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT FOR EITHER THE OPENING OF THE SESSION OR FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO WEEKS DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF OTHER BUSINESS IN ATHENS. HE EXPECTS THAT STAVROPOULOS WILL COME TO NEW YORK BY THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, HOWEVER. KUBISCH

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